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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ON THE CRYOGENIC REFRIGERATOR, A LETTER TO LEVITOV FROM ERDA HAS BEEN AGREED UPON, PROPOSING IN ESSENCE THAT THE ACTIVITY BE REDIRECTED INTO PARALLEL PROJECTS AT BROOKHAVEN AND MOSENERGO, WITHOUT MAJOR HARDWARE EXCHANGES. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE ERDA WILL OFFER SOVIETS ACCESS TO BROOKHAVEN EXPERIMENTS; A FALL-BACK NOT YET PUT IN WRITING NOR FULLY CLEARED IS TO OFFER TO SELL THE REFRIGERATOR. WHILE ERDA BUDGET PRESSURES PLAY A KEY ROLE, ITS MORE PERTINENT ARGUMENT IS PERSUASIVE: GIVEN US ADVANCES IN INTERIM, TECHNICAL BENEFITS FROM LOANS OF EITHER REFRIGERATOR OR CABLE WILL BE VIRTUALLY NIL. WE EXPECT THE LETTER TO BE POUCHED TO YOU ON FRIDAY,MARCH 25.

2. BILL JACKSON, STAFFER FOR SENATOR CRANSTON TOLD ME HE
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HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION DURING A TRIP HE HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO EUROPE. HE HAS AN INVITATION TO TALK AT THE ARBATOV INSTITUTE, IMEMO AND POSSIBLY MGU. NOT CLEAR WHO INVITED HIM; USIA IS MAKING SOME ARRANGEMENTS SO MAYBE HE IS UNDER THEIR AUSPICES. IN ANY CASE, HE HAS MORE THAN A PASSING INTEREST SINCE HE IS A GRADUATE OF RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO MORE THAN

AMERICANISTS. IF SOMEONE IS IN TOUCH WITH INSTITUTE RE HIS VISIT, THEY MIGHT TELL ARBATOV PEOPLE THAT JACKSON WOULD LIKE TO MEET A GOOD CROSS SECTION AND WE THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA SINCE HE AND HIS SENATOR MAY BE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR INTERESTS ON THE HILL. MAYBE SOMEONE IN THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO WANT TO ARRANGE A CHANCE FOR HIM TO MEET SOME PEOPLE. HE WILL BE THERE APRIL 8 UNTIL EVENING APRIL 11.

3. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MARCH 18 LETTER ON FEDORENKO AND SOVIET PUBLICATION OF VIDAL'S BURR, JIM WILKINSON SPOKE BY PHONE WITH ROBERT BERNSTEIN, CONVEYING THE SUBSTANCE AS A PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST. BERNSTEIN CONFIRMED THAT VIDAL WAS ANXIOUS TO SEE THE DEAL GO THROUGH AND SAID RANDOM HOUSE MIGHT HAVE NIGGLED, BUT REALLY WASN'T EXCITED ABOUT THE SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED. HE DOESN'T EXPECT ANY PROBLEM IN THE END, AND CHUCKLED A BIT OVER HIS IMAGE OF FEDORENKO SWEATING BECAUSE HE HAD GONE SO FAR IN PREPARATIONS WITHOUT HAVING AN AGREEMENT IN HAND. BERNSTEIN SEEMD TO TAKE THE CONVERSATION FULLY IN THE SPIRIT OF NEUTRAL INFORMATION BEING PASSED WITHOUT ANY IMPLICATION OF SIDE-TAKING.
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